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Dear CWA Illinois Leaders, Activists and LPATS:

CWA and union members across the City of Chicago and the state of Illinois have an opportunity to become real "Agents of Change" in the upcoming April 7th election.With Illinois facing an anti-union Governor, we need a mayor who will really fight for working families in our state and NOT be his protege.

Back on January 22, Cook County Commissioner and Mayoral hopeful Jesus Chuy Garcia spoke to the CWA Illinois Unified Council about his image for Chicago's future. He talked about big money in politics, income inequality, and a tale of two cities that needed to change. He also answered several questions from our members about his plans for the future of Chicago. Afterwards, CWA Illinois Unified Council members unanimously voted to endorse him in the February 24th election. (I included photos with Chuy from the CWA Illinois Unified Council Meeting) In the election, Garcia forced a historic runoff against Mayor Rahm Emanuel. We were one of six Illinois unions to support Chuy. He thanked us during his victory speech that night (see clip below)

Chuy has real union credentials. His father was a member of the farm workers union, and Chuy himself worked in the fields, side by side with Cesar Chavez, organizing for labor rights. He has a good chance of winning as reported by our TNG member at "In These Times." Everyday, he has been gaining more and more endorsements.

We are asking the leaders, activists and LPATs from Illinois CWA Locals to be "Agents of Change" and in the coming weeks, make calls and attend rallies in support for Chuy Garcia. I'll be holding a conference call on Tuesday at 1 p.m. to discuss our strategy moving forward. Please make an effort to participate - use the following number and code:

Call in: 888-636-3807

Access Code: 8018012#

In solidarity,

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Watch mayoral candidate Jesus "Chuy" Garcia's full Election Night remarks at his election party Tuesday night.

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http://inthesetimes.com/article/17685/chicago_election_runoff_chuy_rahm

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